

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Steering Column ~~Device~~Apparatus With Steering Lock

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph at page 7, line 27 through page 8, line 21.

FIG. 1 is a side view showing a steering column apparatus according to the first embodiment. FIG. 2 is a view as seen from the direction indicated by arrow A in FIG. 1. FIG. 3 is a cross sectional view taken along line B-B in FIG. 1. FIG. 4 is a cross sectional view taken along line C-C in FIG. 1. FIGS. 5 and 6 are cross sectional views taken along line D-D in FIG. 1. The steering column 1 is mounted on a strength member 7 on the vehicle body by means of an upper bracket 3 in the form of a press-formed steel plate and a pivot bracket 5 in the form of an aluminum alloy die-cast part. The steering column 1 rotatably supports an upper steering shaft (which will be simply referred to as a steering shaft hereinafter) 13 via bearings 9 and 11. A steering wheel (not shown) is attached to the upper end (the right end in FIGS. 1 and 2) of the steering shaft 13. The lower end (the left end in FIGS. 1 and 2) of the steering

shaft 13 is joined with a lower steering shaft via a universal joint. In FIG. 1, on the right side and left side of the upper bearing 9 and the bearing 11 respectively, there is provided snap rings 15, 17.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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